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06 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
07 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

08 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
09 Plaintiff, ) CASE NO. MJ 12-155  
10 v. )  
11 GEORGE ELLIOTT CHAVIS, ) DETENTION ORDER  
12 Defendant. )  
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14 Offense charged: Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute; Possessing a Firearm in  
15 Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime

16 Date of Detention Hearing: April 4, 2012.

17 The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and  
18 based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds  
19 that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably  
20 assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the  
21 community.

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01                    FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

02            1.        Defendant has been charged with a drug offense, the maximum penalty of which  
03 is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to  
04 both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

05            2.        The government proffers evidence alleging defendant's connection with a  
06 multi-defendant drug trafficking case recently filed in this District. The government argues  
07 that defendant, who has a record of military enlistment from 1980 to 1985, was a firearms  
08 source for the drug trafficking organization as well as a driver. Defendant was a commercial  
09 truck driver for 15 years. He is a United States citizen with family ties and a history of recent  
10 travel to Mexico. The government proffers a linesheets from intercepted phone conversations  
11 during which the defendant's daughter is mentioned in connection with the potential  
12 assassination of a witness/co-conspirator, and about parking a drug transport vehicle at a  
13 location where the defendant is staying. There is evidence of substance abuse by defendant  
14 and some discrepancies in the verification of his personal history information.

15            3.        Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no  
16 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant  
17 as required and the safety of the community.

18 It is therefore ORDERED:

- 19        1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney  
20        General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from  
21        persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;
- 22        2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with

01 counsel;

- 02 3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the  
03 person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver  
04 the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection  
05 with a court proceeding; and
- 06 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel  
07 for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Pretrial Services  
08 Officer.

09 DATED this 4th day of April, 2012.

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13 United States Magistrate Judge  
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